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Senate No. SJR0140 By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tracy Williams, 1994 Miss Black Tennessee.

WHEREAS, each year, after rigorous competition, a Miss Black Tennessee is selected.

The judges reach their decision based on evening gown and swimsuit presentation, personality and the contestants' sense of community and commitment to caring; and

WHEREAS, the judges at the 1994 Miss Black Tennessee Pageant enthusiastically named Tracy Williams Miss Black Tennessee, feeling very strongly that she superbly represented the high ideals of the competition; and

WHEREAS, during the talent portion of the competition, Tracy evoked a powerful interpretation of a poem, "Say Amen", by using sign language which she learned while volunteering at the League for the Hearing Impaired; and

WHEREAS, as the 1994 Miss Black Tennessee, Tracy served admirably as a role model and made a difference in the community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kentucky, she grew up in Detroit and graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Communications in May, 1993. While at TSU, she made the Dean's List and was highly regarded by students, faculty and the administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is the Internal Communications Supervisor for the West Tennessee District of United Parcel Service; and

WHEREAS, her duties in this important post include administration of the news release program, editing the employee magazine, creating internal newsletters and overseeing the communications strategies for the district, which has more than 3,800 employees; and

WHEREAS, she has been a valued employee of UPS for five years, having been originally hired as a member of the Industrial Engineering Department, while only a sophomore at TSU; and

WHEREAS, a fiercely loyal employee, Ms. Williams hopes to improve her already impressive management skills and eventually retire from the package distribution company; and

WHEREAS, she is very interested in communicating effectively with deaf and hearing impaired persons; and

WHEREAS, her co-workers accurately describe her as a very friendly and caring person who always has a smile and encourages others by example; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of the International Association of Business

Communicators, and, as a board member of the local chapter, serves as the liaison for the students at Western Kentucky University, Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's best and brightest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Tracy Williams on her exceptional business career and on being chosen the 1994 Miss Black Tennessee. We express our confidence that she will continue to be highly successful in all her endeavors.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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